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Tangier, Octob. 16.

THE *Woolwich*, the *Portland*, the *Assurance*, and the *Saphire* Frigats, as they were Cruising, met the other day to the Westward of *Cape Spartel* with seven Turks Men of War, to whom they gave chace, but could not get up to them; the *Saphire* out-sailing the rest, gained upon one of the rearmost ships of the Turks, mounted with 40 Guns and 400 Men, and coming up with her, was engaged with her several hours, but the night approaching, the Algierine stood away to the Spanish Coast; where the wind blowing very hard upon the shore, it is believed she may be stranded.

Ditto, Nov. 22. Sir *John Narborough* is sailed with the Men of War under his command for *Argiers*.

Naples, Nov. 2. The Provisions are not at all plentiful at *Messina*, as the advices we receive from those parts assure us; and besides, there is a sickness among the French Soldiers, so that many die. It is added, that the last Convoy which arrived at *Messina*, did not bring Provisions proportionable to the necessities they were in.

Genoua, Nov. 17. We are told that the Most Christian King has resolved to employ his Arms this next Campagne against the Spaniards in *Milan*, and that the Duke of *Savoy* will assist him therein. Last night arrived here the *Concord*, *John Towles* Master, from *England*. The Algierines, we hear, upon the advice they had that Sir *John Narborough* has taken several of their Ships, have resolved to do the like on their side, that is, to take all they meet with belonging to the English.

Ditto, Nov. 24. The 20 instant arrived the *Prudence*, *Nathaniel Becket* Master, from *Legborne*. This day is come in the *Fountaine*, *John Warren* Master, from *Rotterdam*, and the *Golden Fleece*, *Richard May*, from *Lisbon*. We are told that 2000 French are come to *Aste*, part of those Troops designed for the carrying the War into *Milan* the next Campagne.

Madrid, Nov. 18. On the 17 instant the Duke *de Veraguas* took possession of the Command of Captain-General of *Galicia*, formerly possessed by the Marquis *de Falces*, who is appointed to go Ambassador from this Crown to the Emperor. On the 25th Signior *Geronimo Zeno*, Ambassador from the Republick of *Venice*, parted hence, to make room for his Successor Signior *Frederico Cornaro*. The States of *Arragon* (where *Don Pedro d'Arragon* presides on the part of the King) are at present assembled, they have made several wholsome establishments for that Kingdom, and have resolved to raise and entertain a Regiment of 1500 Foot at their expences for fifty years. On the 3 instant the King returned from the Escurial; the 6th, being the Anniversary of his birth, the Court appeared full of splendor. On the 8th there was a Bull Feast in the *Plaza Mayor* in which, besides some inferiour persons on foot, two Gentlemen that fought with the Bull on horseback were desperately wounded. On the 20 of *September*, an Order was published, that within fifteen days, all the French residing here, should Register themselves before a publick Officer, and that they, except such as were of Servile and Mechanick Professions, should depart out of *Madrid*, and twelve Leagues distant from it, taking Passports to the places whither they should remove, without carrying any sort of Arms, or travelling above three or four in a company; that as for such who should pretend to remain here as being naturalized, or any other reason, they should within fifteen days present themselves to the Council of *Castile*, which a great many accordingly did, and presented to the said Council their Patents for Naturalization, under the confidence and security whereof, many of them were married to Spanish Women, and had settled their Families here; but the Council being perplexed with the variety of such pretensions, on the 3d instant a new Order was published, in confirmation of the abovementioned, adding some circumstances for the better declaration of his Majesties pleasure, and extending both the Orders to all the French residing in these Kingdoms, even such as had armed themselves with Patents of Naturalization, *viz.* That whatever French Man that shall remain here, shall not be permitted to exercise any Trade or Commerce in any sort of Merchandize whatsoever; and that those that shall choose to return to their own Country, shall be allowed the remainder of this year, 1677. to carry out their Effects. The Portugueze Armada returned to *Lisbon* from the *Mediterranean* about the beginning of the last month: On the 18th of the same, departed out of that River four ships, having at least 2000 persons, men, women, and children on board, to Plant a new Colony at *Coambo* near *Mazambique* in *Africa*, over against *Madagascar*. They expect to find great store of Gold there.

Rostock, Nov. 24. The Besieged in *Stetin* defend themselves to admiration, nothing is able to lessen their courage and resolution, and according to all appearance the Elector of *Brandenburg* will be obliged to raise the Siege. The Suedes in the *Fehr Scans* in the Isle of *Rugen*, likewise defend themselves very well. It is said the Danes intend to attack the Fort which Count *Coningsmarke* has raised on this side, and that in order thereunto they stop all the Vessels they can meet with.

Ditto, The Siege of *Stetin* seems yet to require time to end it, the Besieged remain obstinate nor to give ear to any Overtures for a Capitulation; and on the other hand the Elector of *Brandenburg* is resolved not to quit the Siege, though he should be forced to continue it the whole winter; Passengers come from the Camp report, that his Electoral Highness has not at present above 10000 Foot there, and that the Cavalry especially is in a very ill condition. In *Rugen* the Danes seem to despair being able to take the *Fehr Scans*, till *Stetin* be in the hands of his Electoral Highness.

Brussels, Nov. 29. His Excellency the Duke *de Villa Hermosa* continues at *Ghaunt*, where he hath received the complaints that have been made to him of the extortions committed by several Spanish Officers upon